BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For taking away any reſtraint for the future on the Price of Coals.

CHARLES R.

WHereas by a late Act of Parliament, and alſo by Our Proclamation and ſeveral Orders by Us made in Council to prevent and remedy the want and ſcarcity of Coals, and the inhaunсing the prices thereof, We have manifeſted Our Princely care an zeal for the publique, and Our tenderneſs and vigilancy on the behalf of Our Subjects againſt any Difficulty or Diſtreſs likely to befall them, upon that occaſion; In purſuance whereof Our Miniſters, eſpecially the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of Our City of London, (being moſt nearly concerned in the exigency of that affair) have in obedience to the Authority of the ſaid Act of Parliament and Our Proclamation and Orders in Council, and according to the antient Uſages of Our ſaid City, acted with great Induſtry, Vigor and Prudence, in the putting the ſame in execution, by ſetting and moderating the Prices of Coals, and providing by good and diſcreet means for the neceſſities of Our people of the ſaid City; of which tranſactions We do highly approve, and ſhall not be unmindfull [illegible] aforeſaid ready compliance in a matter of ſo good intent and great concernment to Our ſaid Subjects. [illegible] having taken into Our Princely conſideration all imaginable Ways and means for compaſsing the ends aforeſaid, did by Our late Proclamation of the ſix and twentieth of April laſt, Declare and Command, That no Sailors, Seamen, or other Perſon or Perſons employed or to be employed in or about any Ship or Veſſel bringing or carrying Coals from the Town or Port of Newcaſtle upon Tyne, from Sunderland or other Ports within Our Dominions, or any the Members or Creeks thereof, or places adjacent, to or towards the ſaid City of London, or elſewhere in England or Wales, ſhall be Preſt or otherwiſe hindred or moleſted, either coming or returning by any Our Preſs-Maſters or other Officers or Miniſters whatſoever. And for the better ſecurity of the Perſons and Ships bringing and conveying the ſaid Coals, We did further Declare, that ſufficient Convoys ſhould be from time to time provided for their ſafe paſſage and conduct to and from the parts and places aforeſaid, which We do confirm and give full aſſurance of. And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, and We do by this Our Royal Proclamation declare, That it ſhall be lawful for any perſon or perſons of what condition ſoever, to ſet forth any Ship or Ships, or other Veſſels for bringing or importing of Coals from Newcaſtle or any other the Northern-Ports, unto the City of London or elſewhere: And all thoſe which ſhall import any Coals into the River, from and after the Date of this Our Proclamation, ſhall have full liberty freely to ſell and diſpoſe the ſame to their beſt benefit and advantage, Any thing to the contrary notwithſtanding. But Our intent and meaning is, that ſuch Ships which are at preſent in the River, and thoſe who have hitherto refuſed ſubmiſsion to the Order made by the Lord Mayor in reſpect of the price, ſhall not receive benefit by ſuch obſtinacy, but ſhall be compelled to ſell their Coals at the price appointed, to which the reſt have ſubmitted. And all Our Officers, Miniſters, and Subjects whatſoever both by Sea and Land, are required to take notice of this Our Royal Pleaſure and Command, and give due obedience thereunto at their perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the tenth day of *May*, 1665. in the Seventeenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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